

Friday 15 May 2020

School Safety and Reopening

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, you will be aware that primary schools and nurseries have been asked to re-open for very young children, pupils in reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Our school is considering how to respond to this request as well as continuing to offer places for children of key workers and other children who may need additional support.

The priority for our school is that we put the health and safety of our pupils, families and staff first. This means that we have to look carefully at what will work in practice, how many of our staff are available to work and when it is safe for each group of children to return. It is likely that pupils will be invited to return to school in phases to take account of all health and safety measures required.

We must also consider the needs of all our other pupils who have been asked to remain at home. We want to ensure that these pupils receive sufficient support and guidance in the coming weeks.

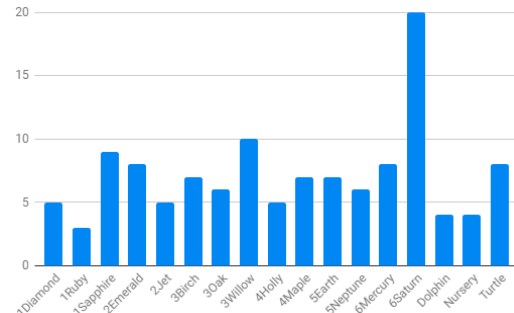
Please be assured that, as soon as we have received the relevant guidance and developed our own plans, we will be making contact to share the relevant information with you.

In the meantime, our status is as it has been since the 23rd March - our schools are only open for those children of Critical Workers who need to be cared for while their parent(s) are at work and for those children deemed to require additional support.

Google Classroom

Please note access to our Google Classroom will only be through your child's Gsuite account. Some teachers have seen requests to access documents from other accounts such as Gmail. To ensure your child's safeguarding these requests will not be granted.

Please ensure you read through the Acceptable Use Policy with your child. These are found near the top of the Classwork tab in each classroom. As you can see from the graph 6Saturn have the most children who have completed the agreement.



EYFS

Thank you to everyone for all of your activity on Google Classroom this week. We have loved seeing and reading all your comments. Well done Nursery children for your lovely contribution. It was so exciting to hear about Oscar's and Zoe's gardening adventures. We hope to hear more and can't wait to see some pictures. Thank you Nora for a lovely card. It made Ms Sekanina very happy.

Keep an eye out this week on the 'weekly makes' to see what Mrs Joseph and Mrs Ryan can make with just a piece of paper.

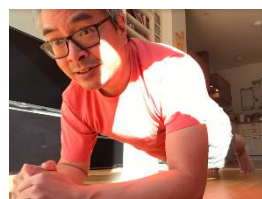
On Google Classroom, we have added speed sounds and red words under the topic Phonics. It would be fantastic if you could practice these each day with your child.

This week in the Turtle Class it was fantastic to see Benji post a video and photo of a colour experiment he has been doing at home. In the Dolphin Class it was great to see Nina write a letter to her friends. Well done!



Year 1 and 2

You may have noticed the teacher challenge in the classrooms. So far Miss Menykowska was challenged by Siyana to attempt a cartwheel, Mr Stevenson was challenged by Adam to make a pizza, Mr Forster was challenged by Louis to do a plank and Miss French was challenged by Sabah to see how many times she could jump in 30 seconds. You will be able to see these photos or videos in our classrooms.





As part of PSHE, we asked children to send us a photo to make us laugh as an act of kindness. This photo from Jacob is of his brother dressed like a fox. It is Mental Health Awareness Week next week so look out for more Acts of Kindness activities.

Next week, instead of reading a book we will be reciting or reading a poem. We will do this using Flipgrid so you can send us one back.

Year 3 and 4

Planning

Next week, children will receive English, Maths and topic plans for the weeks beginning Monday 18th and Monday 1st June. There will be no homework for the week beginning Monday 25th as it's the half term. However, there are many activities on google classroom that the children might like to explore in their respective class pages. Children are more than welcome to share their exciting learning on google classroom with teachers and their friends!

Video messages

Next week, we will be posting short video messages explaining home learning expectations. We would like to stress that the children's wellbeing is very important and wouldn't want the children -or parents- to be overburdened with homework. A child's home environment is different from their school environment and a child will not respond to learning in the same way. Because of this, expectations need to be realistic. Don't forget to watch the video clips of teachers reading!

Year 5 and 6

Well done to everyone who has logged on so far and participated in the Year 5 & 6 times tables competition with your teachers. Please log on as often as you can. Who will make it to the top of the leader board?



Challenge Accepted!



Children have been sending in their challenges via Google Classroom. We have received many and will be very busy completing them over the next few days. Once we have completed all the challenges, we will be sharing the video

on Google Classroom. We are very excited to take on your challenges- cycling, compliment 6 people, say a sentence in 5 different languages, describe carpet in 11 words, keepy uppies, building a tower and much more.

Well done to everyone for sending in pictures to Google Classroom and sharing work from home with teachers and friends. It is great to see such wonderful work. We have seen great examples of baking, writing about the continents and oceans, creating flappy games, plastic pollution posters and much much more. Keep up the great work everyone!



We are also celebrating International Nurses' Day this week and the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. There are some activities around this on Google Classroom.

Inclusion

WHAT IS THE LOCAL OFFER?

The name 'Local Offer' is used to describe all the services and provisions available to children, young people and families 'locally' who are living with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The Local Offer website is a resource to help you understand what is available and how to access services and support.

<https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannelnew=0>

You can also access it via Inclusion on Google Classroom.

Reading



Congratulations to SATURN for their excellent engagement this week. You have been reading lots of books and completing many quizzes. Great work!

Well done to all the children in the other classes who are logging in weekly and making great progress on Reading Buddy. Will your class be on the top of the leader board next week?

FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY!

Thank you to our families who came along this week to pick up some books and to those families who have donated books to the school for our giveaway. We were busy refilling the table with lots of books. Come along again next Tuesday and Friday! Please remember to only touch books that you are taking home and maintain social distancing. We would be grateful if adults and accompanying children could observe the 2 metre rule when waiting. There will be chalk lines on the pavement to help you all stay safe and keep your distance.



KS1 Reading

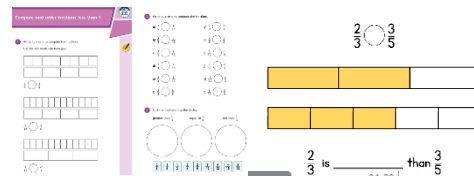


If you are in Mr Stevenson's class, you may have noticed that he has created a reading corner in his home. You can watch him read 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson in his reading corner! Miss Papior has created an outdoor reading camp in her back garden. Perhaps you could challenge yourself to create a reading corner in your own home and share it with your teacher and friends on Google Classroom.

In Year 1 we have added slides to help you practice your speed sounds and red words. It would be great if these could be practiced with your child once a day.

White Rose Hub

Since the closure of schools in March, White Rose Hub have provided video maths lessons and accompanying worksheets. As of this week, the videos are still available online but worksheet access has been restricted. The worksheets needed will be available on Google Classroom on the Monday of each week. Daily videos are available from the website: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

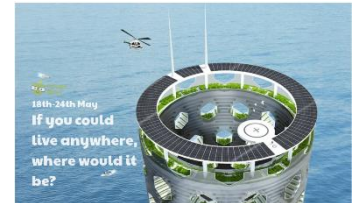


Assembly

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

This week's story is about an Italian architect

who designs a new way of living. Find out more by watching the virtual assembly that is now live on the Picture News Vimeo channel. All resources have been uploaded to the whole school classroom on Google Classroom.



This week's British Value:



Community Police Project

Thank you to everyone for their entries! Ealing Police have left you all a thank you message below.

These posters will be put up in Acton Police Station and posted on Ealing Police Instagram page and Facebook. Let us know if you see a Derwentwater poster!



Felix Food Project

We continue to offer Felix Food Parcels from the school gates on Tuesdays at 3.15pm. If you are unable to collect but require a food parcel, contact parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk

Counselling support

If you feel that you or your child need any support during these difficult times and particularly now the school has had to shut, please do get in touch with me.



SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Karen Hankin via email Parentcomms. If you are concerned about a child, please call Social Care on 0208 825 8000



Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

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